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KENNEDY, NOVEMBER 22, 1963

A confidential source, who has not been contacted sufficiently to determine the reliability of information furnished, on June 20, 1967, advised a Special Agent of the Tampa Division of the FBI as follows:

Approximately one and one-half years ago, JAMES HERBERT MARTIN had been in St. Petersburg, Florida, attempting to obtain employment in the hotel restaurant management field. At this time, a white male, (First Name Unknown) LINQUIST (phonetic), employed in the management business at the Sheraton Outrigger Motel, U. S. Highway 19 South, St. Petersburg, Florida, would not even consider employing MARTIN because he was the individual who was the Business Manager for MARINA OSWALD immediately following the assassination of President KENNEDY. MARTIN had been the Manager of the Inn of the Six Flags, Dallas, Texas, at the time, and after the assassination, had become a public relations representative for the OSWALD family. LINQUIST refused to employ him or consider him as the motel did not want the adverse publicity which accompanied MARTIN. MARTIN was unable to obtain employment in the hotel restaurant management field, and is believed to have obtained employment with Sears Department Store, St. Petersburg, Florida.

On June 15, 1967, he once again attempted to obtain employment in the hotel management business at St. Petersburg, Florida. On this date he made information available to the source that on November 22, 1963, he had been the Manager of the Inn of Six Flags, Dallas, Texas. The day after the assassination of President KENNEDY, Secret

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Service Agents or FBI Agents had contacted him and asked for a suite of rooms to be used on a confidential basis to accommodate MARINA OSWALD, her mother-in-law and LEE OSWALD's brother, as well as representatives of the Secret Service. The arrangements were made and for approximately two weeks the Government Agents held question and answer periods with members of OSWALD's family. The group moved from the motel after one of the Government Agents informed MARTIN that MARINA's location had been determined by another Government Agency and they would have to move her. The Government Agents had already conducted a background investigation on him and propositioned him to allow MARINA OSWALD and her two children to live with him in his home. He was additionally propositioned to being MARINA OSWALD's Business Manager and he accepted on a basis he would perform these duties as long as she resided with him. MARINA OSWALD and her two children took up residence with him and his family and he operated as her business manager in preparing contracts with magazines, newspapers, and other periodicals, and arranged for interviews and press releases. He indicated money came in initially at the rate of \$50,000.00 per week from public donors. She resided with him for a period of three months and during the time she was at the house, Government Agents posed as attorneys and developers, who were associates of MARTIN. During press conferences MARINA OSWALD would not answer questions of reporters without an interpreter and generally would answer questions in Russian. She was presented as a considerate mother, who cared for her children and was bereaved by the loss of her husband. After meetings with the press, when she would be alone with MARTIN's family, she would always chastise the stupid Americans. MARINA OSWALD collected large amounts of vodka and spoke very fluent English. She constantly claimed she had knowledge of the most important officials of the Soviet Union and when living in Russia she had complete access to all Government facilities. She made statements she knew about the assassination before it occurred, that she was a part of the Communist Party and could have prevented the assassination had she desired. Mrs. MARTIN maintained a diary and took down exhaustive notes concerning all such statements and comments by MARINA OSWALD and intended to write a book in the future. MARTIN allegedly knew JACK RUBY, the man who killed LEE HARVEY OSWALD, through motel and restaurant associations in Texas.

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MARTIN allegedly has made statements that the prosecuting attorney, GARRISON, in New Orleans, Louisiana, was right in his investigation of "SHAW", in that SHAW was guilty of a conspiracy to kill President KENNEDY, along with 15 other individuals, and the conspiracy was instituted in the city of Atlanta, Georgia. MARTIN allegedly professed knowledge that on the night of November 21, 1963, a man made two telephone calls from Atlanta, Georgia, to Dallas, Texas. One of the calls was made to the residence of LEE OSWALD, followed by a second call to the private, unlisted telephone number of JACK RUBY. In placing the call the man informed the long-distance operator, "Mark this short conversation. It will make history!" Upon completing the call, he stated, "Everything is set". The second call, which was made to RUBY's private, unlisted phone, consisted only of the statement by the caller of "If anything goes wrong, you know what to do". MARTIN determined these calls had been made through an engineer who had a wife who knew the long-distance operator who had made these calls. MARTIN allegedly had furnished this information to the FBI or Secret Service at Dallas, Texas, who had discounted the calls.

MARTIN allegedly has made statements that President LYNDON B. JOHNSON was aware of the many problems that KENNEDY faced in Texas, and of the numerous problems that President KENNEDY had been caused by members of the criminal syndicates. MARTIN professed President KENNEDY had been trying to clean up "a dirty mess in organized crime." MARTIN professed to have a cousin or uncle in a criminal syndicate.

MARTIN professed he had a friend that knew President JOHNSON when he started out in politics. This individual claims that President JOHNSON, early in his political career, stated that he would become President of the United States. The same friend allegedly had stolen a secret ballot box, stolen at the Democratic National Convention, at which President KENNEDY was nominated for the Presidency of the United States. President JOHNSON allegedly knows what was in the box and who has it, and if the contents of same were known, it would greatly embarrass him.

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MARTIN professes that since President KENNEDY's death there have been no problems for the criminal syndicate, as President JOHNSON has not been causing any problems for the "Cosa Nostra".

MARTIN indicated that the assassination of President KENNEDY was to have included Governor CONNELLY of Texas, but at the last minute someone had decided that CONNELLY would be spared.

MARTIN professed that a photograph of the Presidential car, which was presented to the Warren Commission, displayed a bullet hole on the right side of the windshield, indicating a shot had entered the car from the front, and that this testimony had been explained away as not being a bullet hole, but only as being a bug on the windshield. He allegedly testified before the Warren Commission and at that time had not yet divulged the true nature of MARINA OSWALD, concerning her proficiency in the English language, her drinking heavily of vodka, and her extensive knowledge of Russian political matters.

As Business Manager for MARINA OSWALD, he was to have obtained 10% of her income; a Dallas attorney, by the name of THORPE was to obtain 5%; and LEE OSWALD's brother was to obtain 10%. MARINA OSWALD moved from his residence after three months, after a disagreement with LEE OSWALD's brother, who wanted all of the 25% involved in administering MARINA OSWALD's accounts. Additionally, OSWALD's brother claimed that all contracts and papers which had been completed while MARTIN was her Business Manager, had been completed by MARINA OSWALD when she was under sedation. After she left his home, he filed a suit for \$12,500.00, for use of his home during the three month period, by MARINA OSWALD, and he received this money in a settlement out of court. MARINA OSWALD, according to MARTIN, now runs a restaurant in Dallas, Texas.

The following is a description and resumé of JAMES HERBERT MARTIN.

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Name: JAMES HERBERT MARTIN  
Date of birth: October 6, 1926  
Sex: Male  
Race: White  
Height: 6'2"  
Weight: 185 pounds  
Marital status: Married, with three children  
Education: Grade School, at St. Elizabeth, Kansas City, Missouri;  
High School at Southwest High School, Kansas City, Missouri;  
2 years Hotel Administration at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York;  
Mississippi State, Accounting courses in Correspondence, Foods, and Beverages.  
Employments: Statler Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri;  
Statler-Hilton Hotel, Dallas, Texas;  
Hilton Carte Blanche, Dallas, Texas;  
Gay Nineties, Dallas, Texas;  
Inn of the Six Flags, Arlington, Texas;  
Hospitality Inns, Inc., Dallas, Texas;  
Merchandise Mart, Inc., Dallas, Texas;  
Watt Manufacturing Corporation, St. Petersburg, Florida  
Residence: June 15, 1967:  
4300 Pompano Drive Southeast,  
St. Petersburg, Florida  
Previous address: 11611 Forrar, Dallas, Texas.

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**Military Service:** U. S. Navy  
**Automobile:** Drives a 1963 Plymouth,  
bearing 1967 Florida license  
4-91519 and in possession  
of Florida Driver's License  
Number 334584.

**References:** Union Trust National Bank,  
St. Petersburg, Florida;  
Sears Department Store,  
St. Petersburg, Florida;  
Texas Company,  
Houston, Texas;  
LeRoy Gutch,  
Pompano Drive Southeast,  
St. Petersburg, Florida.

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